September 3, 2013 8:30 A.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
MINUTES

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Frank Emory, Chairman Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner Joe Wiggins, Commissioner Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

#### **OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Franky J. Howard, County Manager Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved with the following additions:

## 6. SCHEDULE OF VALUES

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Rigs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of August 19, 2013, and August 26, 2013, be approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

There were no public comments.

## 1. VIAL OF LIFE

Ivy Reid, Jones County Cooperative Extension Director, shared information in regards to the Vial of Life Program. This program is widely recognized by EMS staff and they are trained to look for the program sticker on the patient's door. The sticker on the door informs EMS staff that a Vial of Life packet of information will be located on the refrigerator door. This Vial of Life contains medical information about the resident.

## 2. PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG - NC CATALYST

Jayne Robb, Economic Developer/Planner, was not present at the meeting. Therefore, Franky Howard presented this item to the board.

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the board go into public hearing.

Mr. Howard explained that a program amendment is needed for the 2011 North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program, Catalyst Category, to delete the sidewalk category and use the funds for street improvements.

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the board go out of public hearing.

**MOTION** made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** a program amendment to the 2011 North Carolina Community Development Block Grant Program, Catalyst Category, to delete the sidewalk category and use the funds for street improvements be approved.

## 3. PUBLIC HEARING - ROAP FUNDING

**MOTION** made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** a public hearing be scheduled for September 16, 2013 for the purpose of making the public aware of upcoming funding available from the NC Department of Transportation for the Rural Operating Assistance Program.

## 4. PAY REQUEST - POLLOCKSVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** Pay Request Number 9 for the Pollocksville Industrial Park be approved in the amount of \$106,043.51 using Pollocksville Industrial Park Funds.

## 5. INVOICE - SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A.

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** an invoice for services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A. be approved for payment as follows:

General Legal		\$3,940.21
Health Department		441.10
Creation of Rural Fire	Districts	1,200.00
	TOTAL	\$5,581.31

## 6. JONES COUNTY TAX - SCHEDULE OF VALUES

Wayne Vanderford, Tax Adminstrator, presented the Schedule of Values to the board. Shackelford and Associates representatives were available to answer questions. The board decided it will hold a special meeting on September 23, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Schedule of Values with Mr. Vanderford.

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried THAT Mike Haddock be excused from the meeting at this time.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Joey Collins discussed a water bill issue with the board. Mr. Collins stated that we should not charge a \$40 reconnect fee if the water had not been turned off already. Mr. Collins also stated people should be given more notice of the late status and not cut off the day after the due date. Mr. Howard explained that it is not a reconnect fee, but a late fee and that at which time the account is placed on the cut-off list the account is already two months delinquent. Mr. Collins questioned why the water department couldn't transfer a balance from another citizens water bill to his water account. He was trying to help a friend and the water department informed him they couldn't transfer balances from

one account to another. Jimmie Hicks, County Attorney, explained that in accordance with utility collection law, Jones County cannot legally transfer account balances.

# **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no County Manager's Report.

# **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs discussed issues with the Jones County Health Department. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs explained that we cannot keep offering services that we cannot afford to maintain.

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Frank Emory	Jennifer King	
Chairman	Clerk to the Board	